

1 of Appeals of Maryland, all on one commission. These
2 gentlemen have no axe to grind. They didn't care how this
3 was decided. This issue was put to them. This is what they
4 said in rejecting it. Please let me read this to you:

5 "The legislature on the one hand is obligated
6 to study the budget requests submitted by the governor
7 to decide whether or not it is in accord with the policies
8 there reflected and to vote such of the appropriations
9 and revenues requested as seem to it to reflect sound
10 public policy."

11 They are explaining what the current situation
12 is. To continue: "Whatever its political relationship
13 to the governor, it does not operate at his command." It,
14 the legislature.

15 "In a legal sense he is or should be able to
16 command administration, but he is not able to command legis-
17 lation. The legislature is obligated to use its own
18 discretion in voting the requested appropriations. It can
19 withhold appropriations. It can increase appropriations
20 if it provides the necessary funds. It can enact substan-
21 tial legislation calling for additional funds which can